

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 1, line 17:

The subject matter of this application is related to the subject matter in a co-pending non-provisional application by the same inventors as the instant application and filed on the same day as the instant application entitled, "Using a Suggested Solution to Speed Up a Process for Simulating and Correcting an Integrated Circuit Layout," having serial number ~~TO BE ASSIGNED~~ 10/098,714, and filing date ~~TO BE ASSIGNED~~ 15 March 2002 (Attorney Docket No. NMTC-0770).